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NOTIFICATION

Sub:Constitution of GPU Level Social Audit-cum-Vigilance Committee.

Notification No.35 (93)05-06/RMDD/P/29 dated 1.9.2005 is hereby reissued with immediate effect as follows:-

In the process of decentralization & devolution of powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions has been undertaken, a large number of developmental schemes have been sanctioned for the Gram Panchayat Units. As a result of this, the inspection and verification of each and every scheme undertaken by the Rural Management & Development Department has become a difficult task for the District Level Monitoring Committee. To ensure that the works tendered at Panchayat level are carried out as per estimate and in a qualitative manner, a Gram Panchayat Social Audit-cum-Vigilance Committee has been envisaged by the Department, having a fair representation from a wide spectrum of the society consisting of stake holders, user groups, marginalized and vulnerable sections of society including women and senior citizens of the Gram Panchayat Unit.

The constitution of the Social Audit-cum-Vigilance Committee will be a concrete step towards empowering the local people wherein it will be the people themselves who can see the quality of work and also see that their areas derive the maximum benefits of the schemes.

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

- A Committee known as the Gram Panchayat Social Audit-cum-Vigilance Committee shall be constituted in each Gram Panchayat Unit.
- The election of the Committee members to be done in the Gram Sabha.
- The minimum number of members in the Committee shall be 10 people.
- Tenure of the Committee shall be for one financial year. Re-election of the Committee shall be conducted before end of the financial year

- No Panchayat Members shall be included in the Committee.
- At least one person from each ward to be elected as a Committee member.
- The Committee members shall be a Sikkim Subject/Certificate of Identification holder and permanent resident of the particular Gram Panchayat Unit.
- The member should not be a servicing Government employee.
- Rural Management & Development Department to also nominate one or more persons at its discretion to the Committee member or members, if felt/deemed necessary.
- A Chairperson and a Member Secretary of the Committee could be elected from the nominated Committee members of RMDD.
- Quorum for recommendation of any bill to be passed should be ¾ (three fourths) of the total strength of the Committee as a whole.
- It should be mandatory for the Committee member(s) elected from a particular ward to be present at the meeting and recommend the passing of the bill for the work/scheme implemented in his/her ward.
- No final bill to be passed and released without the recommendation of the Committee.
- The Committee shall inspect the work compulsorily before giving the recommendation for passing of the bill(s).
- A copy of the social estimate of the schemes/work to be given to the Committee by the section/ department concerned so that the latter may have a clear knowledge about the materials issued or sanctioned for the work.

Social estimate here means the estimate that can be clearly understood by the laymen. It will indicate the total cost of the scheme and quantities of various materials to be utilized in laymen's language.

For example:

No. of pipes	Diameter	Specifications
Cement	Number of bags	Grade
Number of rods	Width	Specifications
Timber	Quality	Quantity
Stone chip & sand	Quality	No. of bags.

- A copy of the inspection/verification report of the Committee is to be submitted to the Director, Panchayat through the BDO/DDO of the Rural Management & Development Department.

BY ORDER

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